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CONSERVENCY WORK IN CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the conservancy work in Chennai City has been given to a Singapore based business firm;

(b): if so, the criteria adopted for selecting this firm for the conservancy work;

(c): whether the Central Government approves such contracts to foreign firms even for conservancy work; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): As per information furnished by the Corporation of Chennai, municipal solid waste collection in 3 out of 10 zones in Chennai is being undertaken by Chennai Environmental Services Onyx Ltd., which is a special purpose project Company registered inIndia as per the Companies Act. This firm is a 100% subsidiary of M/s CGEA Asia Holdings Pvt.Ltd., Singapore. Based on the Council`s resolution on behalf of Chennai Corporation, the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd, a Government of Tamil Nadu undertaking was asked to select the bidder and to exercise the process of selecion through international competitive bidding. The firm has obtained necessary approvals and clearance as applicable to it.

(c)&(d): Applications of foreign companies for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India are considered and recommended by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) in theMinistry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion) on the basis of the sector specific FDI guidelines and recommendaions of the concerned administrative Ministry.